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NEWS

Randolph major donates medal, artifacts to USAF Museum

By Sean Bowlin

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A Randolph Airman, one of the first to earn a Combat Action Medal, is donating his award, alongside other artifacts, to the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Maj. Steve Raspet, 12th Operations Group T-6 standards and evaluation branch chief and instructor pilot, was recognized Tuesday during the opening of an exhibition on the Air Force's participation in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Major Raspet received the medal in January 2007 from former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. Shortly after, he thought about donating the medal and other items from his deployment.

"I didn't want them to sit on a mantle or lie in a closet somewhere," the major said, "so I contacted the museum and said I'd like to donate the items. It was good timing because they were getting together the exhibit on the Air Force's participation in Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom."

He's also donating shells expended from his main gun on the A-10 Thunderbolt during the medal-winning sortie.

On that Jan. 8, 2006, flight, Major Raspet was the lead of two A-10 Thunderbolts from the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

He was called to provide air cover and close-air support during a joint Afghan Army-U.S. Army operation when friendlies were in heavy contact with the enemy.

During his 13-minute flight, friendlies were taking increasing enemy fire. Major Raspet and his wingman destroyed eight stationary vehicles exposed in the middle of a large, dried-up riverbed. Then,



Photo by Jeff Fisher

Maj. Steve Raspet, 12th Operations Group T-6 instructor pilot, looks at the mannequin that represents him and the artifacts he donated as part of the new "Warrior Airmen" exhibit at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Tuesday.

friendlies started to take more enemy fire from a building located west of the friendly convoy.

When friendly forces requested cover from the major and his wingman, a .50-caliber machine gunner marked the enemy location. Major Raspet and his wingman then suppressed the enemy.

The friendly convoy, which had been impacted by

improvised explosive devices earlier the same day, moved out toward its forward operating base as Major Raspet and his wingman made show-of-force passes near the convoy to deter further enemy attacks.

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IP office created at Randolph, other bases

By Thomas Warner

12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Recent changes to the Air Force's Information Protection program forged the creation of Randolph Air Force Base's first Information Protection office.

The new office stood up Dec. 1 and brought the base's information protection initiative out from under its longtime Security Forces umbrella.

Master Sgt. Michael Broeker, 12th Security Forces Squadron, serves as the interim chief of the new office, but a civilian will soon be hired to take over.



"On every Air Force base, there will be civilians heading this office," said Sergeant Broeker. "The purpose of the new office is to educate people on how to properly protect controlled/sensitive unclassified and classified information. The process will include an appointed Chief of Information

Protection and members of a Security Advisory Group consisting of all security disciplines working together to resolve security issues for the commander."

Information protection, prior to the December switch, was handled by 12th Security Forces and had respon-

sibilities in three areas: information security, personnel security and industrial security.

"Information security involves classified information," said Sergeant Broeker. "Personnel security deals with security clearances and industrial security deals with contractors who perform work on the base."

Information, both classified and unclassified, is the target of a cyber-savvy enemy.

"People will ask about a value added by the creation of the new information protection office," said Jeff Helfenstein, Air Education and Training Command, information protection chief. "We must always protect classified information, but our adversaries are now going after controlled and sensitive unclassified information. It's pretty aggressive."

In a memo sent out to all base personnel, the goal of the new office was set forth in specific terms according to information protection doctrine.

The goal is to "prevent the compromise, loss, unauthorized access or disclosure, destruction, distortion or non-accessibility of information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, over the life cycle of information, including actions to regulate access to sensitive information, controlled unclassified information and classified information produced by, entrusted to or under the control of the United States government."

For further details on the information protection office here, call Sergeant Broeker at 652-6996 or Deborah Hunter at 652-5553.

Agreement expands beneficiaries' access to bariatric surgery

By Sue Campbell

59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

A resource sharing agreement between the Nix Health Care System in San Antonio and Wilford Hall Medical Center doctors will provide increased services to bariatric patients.

The agreement allows Wilford Hall providers to perform surgeries at the Nix Hospital using Nix equipment and support staff, and the agreement was modified to include bariatric surgeries in December 2008.

In December, Wilford Hall doctors performed six bariatric surgeries at the Nix Hospital.

"The Nix Hospital is a Center of Excellence for bariatric surgery," said Maj. (Dr.) Richard Peterson, the Wilford Hall Bariatric Clinic chief. "They meet requirements established by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric



Courtesy Photo

Maj. (Dr.) Joshua Alley (center) and Maj. (Dr.) Richard Peterson (left) perform laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery at the Nix Hospital Dec. 15 in San Antonio.

Surgery that sets certain benchmarks such as high volume of surgeries, a dedicated bariatric unit and specialized equipment, such as large-sized CT scans and beds."

Two-thirds of all Americans are overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

For individuals who have

been unable to achieve significant weight loss through diet modifications and exercise programs alone, bariatric surgery may help to attain a more healthy body weight. Gastric bypass surgery has been performed in the U.S. for about 40 years. Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery has been performed since 1993.

"We usually see a patient after they have been through six months of supervised weight loss through a physician or dietitian," said Maj. (Dr.) Joshua Alley, a Wilford Hall bariatric surgeon. "Their body mass index must be at least 40, or 35 to 40 with an obesity-related health problem, such as Type 2 diabetes, hypertension or sleep apnea."

Wilford Hall officials offer three types of laparoscopic bariatric surgery for military dependents and retired military members.

Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery, commonly known as stomach stapling, creates a small, thumb-sized pouch from the upper stomach and bypasses the remaining stomach. This restricts the volume of food that can be eaten. The surgery normally requires two to four weeks of recovery and is approved by Tricare insurance.

Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, commonly

known as lap-band surgery, creates a small pouch in the upper part of the stomach with a controlled and adjustable opening, limiting food intake. Recovery averages one to two weeks and the surgery is also approved by Tricare.

Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, or vertical sleeve gastrectomy, removes approximately 85 percent of the stomach, leaving a stomach with a much smaller capacity. Unlike other bariatric surgeries, this procedure is not reversible. Recovery averages one to two weeks, but the surgery is not approved by Tricare at this time, so it must be performed at Wilford Hall.

"We want to spread the word that these bariatric services are available to our beneficiaries," Dr. Peterson said. "Although surgery should be a last resort, it can significantly improve an individual's overall health and quality of life."

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After the major received the medal for his actions that day, he contacted Tech. Sgt. Shannon Craig, one of the controllers on the ground with the convoy. He found the sergeant was donating some of his equipment items used that day to the exhibit. So he followed suit and offered his items to the exhibit.

Major Raspet, who describes himself as a military history buff, said he was basically left speechless when he found out his items would be displayed in the exhibit alongside Sergeant Craig.

"I just didn't know what to say," he added.

"Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom are a tremendous part of our country's history," said Col. Jeffrey Brown, 12th Operations Group deputy commander. "The Air Force has obviously played a large role in the success of these operations. It is certainly fit-

ting that they should develop a museum display to honor the professionalism, sacrifice, and bravery of men and women like Major Raspet.

"Steve is an exceptional officer and warrior and the perfect choice to represent his fellow Airmen in documenting the Air Force piece of these important historical events," Colonel Brown said.

Major Raspet said his mission was a typical and ordinary one for attack pilots based in Afghanistan at that time; a mission he was glad to be part of.

"There's no better mission than supporting the forces on the ground," he said. "And the amount of responsibility that young lieutenants and captains flying those sorties have is tremendous."

Major Raspet said he's thankful to the pararescue-men, combat controllers and Soldiers and Airmen in convoys whose items will also be included in the display – and he looks forward to seeing it.



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Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



ON THE COVER

Mike Booth, Lear Siegler Inc. contractor, installs the air intake liner inside the engine of a T-38.
Photo by Rich McFadden

COMMENTARY

MLK Day - Remember, celebrate, act

By Staff Sgt. Tenea Basinger
21st Dental Squadron

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – “I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed...that all men are created equal.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

There will be a ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon Jan. 14 at the Peterson base chapel in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

This service will reflect on where we were as individuals, and what we’ve become as a nation. The theme “Remember! Celebrate! Act!” reflects our dedication to uphold the strength, belief, and morals of Dr. King.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, he grew to become one of the nation’s most respected and cherished leaders. His focus was to end racial segregation and discrimination, to end poverty, and to raise consciousness of the civil rights movement.

He aspired to achieve these goals in a peaceful and non-violent manner. Dr. King taught us to be aware of what our nation is capable of, and to rid us of indifference. “Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity,” he said.

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King spoke from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to 250,000 people. The dream of equality was shared by all who attended – black and white, young and old, rich and poor – they all held hands in fellowship that one day we will all live together in peace. Today, his dream of a world blind to the lines of color will continue to become our reality.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday is one of four United States federal holidays to commemorate an individual person. In the 23 years since the first observance day in 1986, our nation continues to unite in honor of Dr. King. Please come to the base ceremony and Remember, Celebrate, and Act as we mark the 80th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Day events

On Randolph

Tuesday

- Presidential Inauguration Mixer - 10:30 a.m. at the Kendrick Club; cost is \$10 and RSVPs are at <https://einventions.afit.edu/PresidentialInaugurationMixer/anim.cfm>.

Thursday

- MLK Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. at the Kendrick Club; cost is \$16 and RSVPs are at <https://einventions.afit.edu/MartinLutherKingJrLuncheon121/anim.cfm>.

In and around San Antonio

Saturday

- Hip Hop Summit - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Philip’s College at 1801 MLK Dr. in San Antonio; the event is free and registration begins at 10 a.m.

Monday

- San Antonio Annual MLK March - 10 a.m. Marchers should meet at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club in San Antonio before 8:30 a.m.

Call Maj. Christopher Herring at 652-4624 for additional information.

For more MLK Day information,
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For more information about submissions, call 652-5760.

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Tameka Woolfolk

12th Services Division

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Photography, poetry, writing

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To be the best individual I can be.

Greatest Accomplishment:
I proudly served more than 11 years in the United States Air Force. I've enjoyed serving and defending my country, it's been an honor and privilege not everyone has.

Personal Inspiration:
God, family, friends

Personal Motto:
"Jesus take the wheel"

Pet Peeves:
Short-notice suspenses. People who ask questions while you're on the phone. People who drive slow in the passing lane. People who lie for no reason ... the truth shall set you free! People who talk with food in their mouth ... Gross! People who pop and smack gum.

Commander's Comments:
Tameka is an outstanding individual and makes my job easy. She's the best administrative assistant I've ever had and her attention to detail and organizational skills are stellar. She gets the job done every day with a smile and a positive attitude. None do it better!
Terrye Heagerty
12th Services Division director

Disney, Army resort offer reduced rates for troops

By William Bradner
American Forces Press Service

A Disney vacation just became more affordable for military members and their families. With the "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" offer, active and retired military personnel, including active members of the Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reserve, can enjoy complimentary, multiday admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks, and additional special ticket offers for family members and friends.

At the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, from Jan. 4 to Dec. 23, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one free five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with "Park Hopper" and water park options. The ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions.

During this offer period, active or retired U.S. military personnel also may make a one-time purchase up to five "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets – good for five days – for \$99 each, plus tax, for family members or friends. Although this ticket for family members and friends does not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun and More options, it can be upgraded to add either such option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option. All tickets and options are nontransferable and must be used by Dec. 23.

A similar offer is in place at Walt Disney Land in California. More information is available at installation information, tickets and travel offices.

"For so many of the men and women who serve in our U.S. military, time together with their families is cause enough for celebration," said Jay Rasulo, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. "We are grateful for their service and hope 'Disney's Armed Forces Salute' will

allow our troops to create wonderful, magical memories with their family and friends."

Shades of Green, a resort hotel on Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., is open exclusively to servicemembers, retirees, defense civilians, and their families. It is a safe haven for military families whether they're reintegrating after an overseas deployment, having one last "family fling" before mom or dad deploys, or simply getting away for a weekend.

The resort manager, Brian Japak, is a retired Soldier, and his son has survived two roadside-bomb attacks while serving in Iraq.

"I have great empathy for the families who we serve here," he said.


Mr. Japak said the staff makes every effort to ensure the guests are pampered Disney style – with just a touch of "home" through the tax-free Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppette and a Mickey Mouse statue decked out in red, white and blue. Security at the hotel complies with standard base force protection regulations, ensuring the troops and families can sleep soundly and not worry about their personal safety.

Shades of Green is an Armed Forces Recreation Center hotel run by the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command based in Alexandria, Va. The command's mission is to provide military members and their families with the same quality of life they are sworn to protect. Rates are set on a sliding scale, based on rank, and with no shareholders to answer to or profits to be made, the rates are kept low.

AFRCs offer four other world-class destinations for families, including Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany, Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, South Korea, the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, and the Cape Henry Inn and Beach Club at Fort Storey, Va.

(Mr. Bradner works at the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's Public Affairs Office.)

Randolph Chapel
Schedule



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11:30 a.m.
Saturday - Chapel One
5:30 p.m.
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Saturday - Chapel One
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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Parish Fellowship
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Inspirational Praise & Worship
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Task force seeks info on sexual assault prevention, response

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A defense task force visited Randolph Monday during a four-day trip to San Antonio to gather information for a congressional report on sexual assault response in the military.

The 12-person Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services was here seeking feedback on Team Randolph's prevention and response of sexual assault. The team sought out personnel involved in any part of the process of addressing sexual assault, from education as part of prevention to helping a victim after an assault has occurred.

Jacqueline Shiflet, Randolph Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, said the visit will help strengthen a program that is already very strong.

"Once the task force compiles all the data gathered throughout the trip, they will be able to give us feedback on our program and things that can be improved," Ms. Shiflet said. "I think the Air Force has taken the lead on this program and our structure is working, but it's good to have an outside source to identify improvements that can be made."

While at Randolph, the task force visited command leadership and first responders at the Air Education and Training Command, the 12th Flying Training Wing and 19th Air Force. They also met



with Air Force Personnel Center leadership and those who manage the SARC program for the Air Force, Air Force Recruiting Center command leadership and a group of company grade officers in training.

Ms. Shiflet said one focus of the team was the training aspect of program.

"They targeted the curriculum involved with training Air Force members on sexual assault response and also as prevention," she said. "I think this feedback will be the key to future success and improvements in our program."

Dr. Louis Iasiello, DTFSAMS co-chair, echoed Ms. Shiflet's observations.

"The AFPC program manager for sexual assault has been in charge of Air Force sexual assault training since the new program was initiated in 2005. They are the lynchpin between policy implementation and training Air Force-wide and can explain the current and future programs," Dr. Iasiello said. "It was important to hear their thoughts on how things are going, and their recommendations on where the Air Force, and DoD, need to go in the future."

The task force is made up of members of Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force, and includes an equal number of Department of Defense military and civilian personnel. There are also members from outside the DoD with expertise in sexual assault prevention and response.

According to officials, the task force will travel for

a full year visiting military installations in order to get a sampling across DoD. They will also travel to overseas installations and bases in combat zones.

The team toured Lackland Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston during its visit to San Antonio, taking time to talk to victims and witnesses of assaults, as well as leadership and those in training and education positions. They used formal focus groups and informal interviews to gather information. They also hosted meetings that were open to the public, in the hopes of soliciting any and all information available.

Overall, Dr. Iasiello said the visit to Randolph was successful.

"We had a great exchange of ideas about critical issues of the Air Force program that can only be understood by speaking face-to-face with members of the command. From here, we will look at all the information provided to us in the broader context of trends we discover throughout the Air Force and DoD, both good and bad," he said. "We will identify what works well that can be standardized throughout DoD, and make recommendations for organizational design and process improvements that may be useful across DoD."

The results of the study will be consolidated into a report and submitted to the Secretary of Defense and the individual secretaries of each branch of the military. Once they have reviewed and evaluated the report, it will be forwarded to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

A final report will be available to the public once all inputs have been made. To view updates on the task force and their tour, visit www.dtic.mil/dtfsams.

Military to participate in the 56th Presidential Inauguration



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dan DeCook

Members of the Air Force Band march down Constitution Avenue Jan. 11 in Washington, D.C., as Airmen from the Air Force District of Washington stand in a cordon during a practice run of the inauguration parade for President-elect Barack Obama.

Last November, Americans made history by electing the first African American to the highest office in the country: President of the United States. On Tuesday, the military will honor the new Commander in Chief, President-elect Barack Obama. More than 5,000 servicemembers will march in formations, military bands and color guards, and serve in salute batteries and honor cordons, for the 56th presidential inaugural parade and swearing-in ceremony.

The Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, made up of 750 joint military members, has been hard at work behind the scenes since April 2008. The committee forms up every four years to coordinate ceremonial support for the inauguration. Here are some interesting facts about military involvement in presidential inaugurations:

- The U.S. military has participated in the presidential inauguration since April 30, 1789, when Army soldiers and Revolutionary War veterans escorted President George

Washington to his ceremony in New York City.

- AFIC was established in the early 1950s. The first inauguration AFIC supported was President Dwight Eisenhower in 1953. The parade lasted five hours and remains the longest inauguration parade to date.

- Nearly 9,000 military participated in President Eisenhower's parade, and more than 15,000 took part in President John F. Kennedy's in 1961.

- Only two inaugural parades have ever been cancelled: In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's fourth inaugural parade was cancelled due to wartime expenses, and in 1985, President Ronald Reagan's second parade was cancelled due to weather.

For more information about the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, visit <http://www.afic.northcom.mil>. For details about inaugural events, visit <http://inauguration.dc.gov/index.asp>.

(Courtesy of Airman's Roll Call)

BASE BRIEFS

Retirements

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Antonio Saunders-O'Neal and Master Sgt. Andrea Spencer on their retirements.

Promotion omission

Congratulations to Maj. Michael Parrish on his selection for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

No FEAR Act training

All Department of Defense civilians and their supervisors (both civilian and military supervisors) who are assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, including all satellite units, are required to complete the mandatory Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act, or No FEAR Act, training every two years. Users with computer access should take the course on the Advanced Distribution Learning System, or ADLS.

For details, call the equal opportunity office at 652-4376.

MLK luncheon

A luncheon to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. takes place Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Kendrick Club. Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, will host the event and the guest speaker Cedric Edwards.

The cost is \$16. RSVP at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/MartinLutherKingJrLuncheon121/anim.cfm>.

AFROTC position available

Line officer first lieutenants with one year time-in-grade or more, captains and majors are eligible to apply for a three-year controlled tour as an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps special duty instructor at Detachment 670 for Oklahoma State University. The report no later than date is July 2009 and is very flexible. Other restrictions apply.

For more information, e-mail Richard.marshburn@okstate.edu, call 405-744-8962, or e-mail david.thurchak@randolph.af.mil or call 210-652-4180.

Inauguration mixer

The Randolph Martin Luther King Jr. Day committee hosts a mixer Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Kendrick Club in which participants can watch President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration on the big screen. The cost is \$10. Interested people should RSVP at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/PresidentIallInaugurationMixer/anim.cfm>.

AFGE meeting

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1840 general membership meeting is Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Bldg. 201.

Topics include NSPS, joint basing, contract negotiations and open items.

For more details, call Vance Miller at 748-2249 or Enie Garza at 748-2763.

AETC symposium

An Air Education and Training Command Additional Duty First Sergeant Symposium is Feb. 23-27 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy Auditorium at Lackland Air Force Base.

To register, 671-9481.

Multimedia halts services

The multimedia center will no longer provide the Self-Help Service Center for printing retirement certificates and programs, among other items.

Customers can still access and compose these items by searching for "12 FTW Public Affairs" on the Air Force Portal, then clicking "Graphics Section" under the "Multimedia Center" header. The templates for these items and artwork to accompany them can be found there.

For details, call 652-4226.

Thrift shop now open

The thrift shop is now open in Bldg. 737 from 9 a.m. to noon for consignments and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and the first Saturday of each month. Spring related items and clothing are now being accepted. Beginning Monday, Valentine items will be accepted.

For more information, call 658-5990 or visit www.randolphosc.org and click "Thrift Shop."

ASMC luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers monthly luncheon is Jan. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Club, Bldg. 1395. A speaker will talk on the "2009 Economic Environment."

To RSVP by Jan. 26, call 536-6112.

EDUCATION CENTER – 652-5964

Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University's Spring 2009 term begins Feb. 23 and runs through May 16.

Undergraduate classes are offered on Randolph AFB.

For more information, call 590-5681 or visit Bldg 208, Room 11.

St. Philip's College

St. Philip's College offers affordable evening classes on Randolph. The eight-week, Spring Flex II term will begin March 16.

Individuals can apply for admission by completing the free online application at www.texasapply.org. Follow up with a visit to the Alamo Community Colleges representative at education center or call 659-1096. Spring schedules and catalogs for all of the five colleges are available online at www.accd.edu.

Embry-Riddle

Today is the last day to drop a class for the 09/S1 Winter term.

For more information, call 659-0801.

Park University

Spring I term dates are Jan. 12 to March 8. Course schedules are posted online at www.park.edu/Course/index.aspx. Select "Randolph" or "online" from the location menu to review the appropriate schedule.

The eight-week Introduction to Math (MA105) course can be used to complete the math requirement for CCAF.

For more information, e-mail rand@park.edu or visit the Randolph office in Bldg. 208, Rm. 5.



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FEATURE

Realizing the 'Dream'

MLK Day a time to reflect on progress

By Thomas Warner

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Comparing American social culture with what existed in the 1950s, '60s and prior to the Civil Rights Era reveals differing viewpoints based on who's doing the talking. Most people are at least familiar with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his vision and the holiday that is celebrated in his honor each year in America.

Monday's designation as MLK Day allows Airmen and active-duty military members worldwide to step back and reflect on the status of Dr. King's mission for racial equality, social justice and harmony throughout humankind.

At Randolph Air Force Base, a dynamic slate of events will allow Team Randolph members to delve deeper into the message Dr. King put forward. Whether it's watching next week's historic presidential inauguration or attending a base luncheon, opportunities exist for people to explore what MLK envisioned in his "dream."

"This year, with Barack Obama going in as president, blacks can accept something really positive," said Staff Sgt. Rhodesia Victoria, Air Force Personnel Center assistance manager. "There have been other big things but this is probably the biggest."

Media can be credited with casting a light on the struggle for equal status by minorities, but there have been several different agents for change who shared Dr. King's belief that the people of the world could peacefully co-exist.

"In the U.S., there were non-violent protests like what Martin Luther King organized, but there were also violent reactions to discrimination led by people like Malcolm X," said Lamar Brown, a 20-year-old Air Force family member. "I think there were a lot of people who wanted to use violence. They wanted to do to others as they were done to."

Discrimination seen today differs from that of the Civil Rights era in that more types of people now make up the diversity tree. Where the Civil Rights movement centered on struggles between whites and blacks, there are lots of others with different backgrounds in America today, like Hispanics, Vietnamese and Middle Easterners, to name a few.

"The U.S. has come a long way, I think," Mr. Brown said. "There is always going to be some kind of discrimination out there in the world, though. For someone who came from the Middle East to live here, there was a lot of discrimination following the 9-11 terrorist attacks."

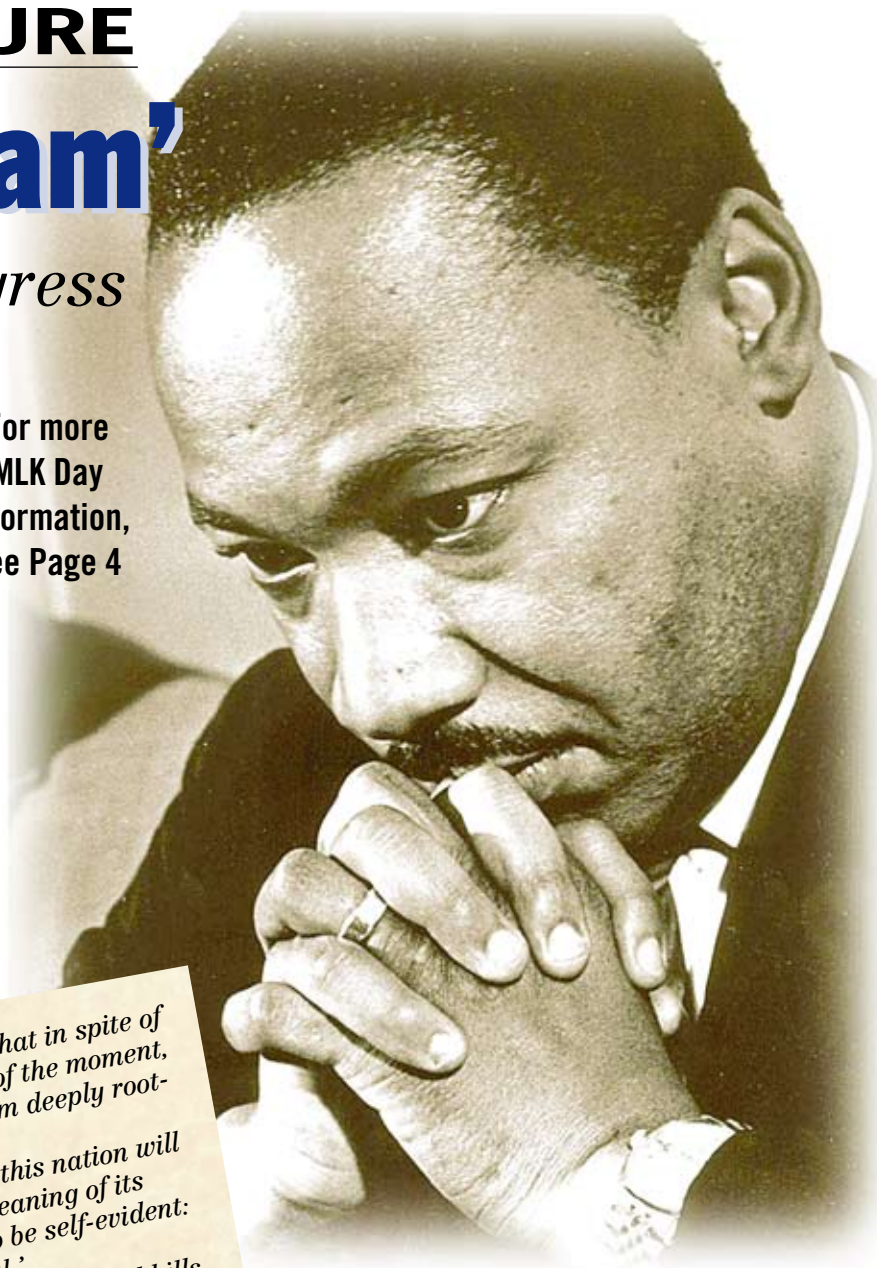
America seems to have evolved much since those 2001 events, and from much of the racial problems that plagued this nation during the Civil Rights period. The recent presidential campaign allowed a black candidate with a nontraditional American name – Barack Obama – to win favor with the majority of voters.

The U.S. military has evolved, too, and today offers new opportunities for servicemembers of both genders and all races. Racial harmony was made possible by the work of Dr. King and others who helped make inroads for what is seen today.

"I tell the guys I work with to just be yourself, that's it," said retired Master Sergeant William Saunders, a civilian carpenter at Randolph who spent active duty time in Europe and scattered U.S. bases, including what is now Kelly USA.

Mr. Saunders said thick skin, open minds and tolerance can all help create a harmonious atmosphere among people of varying races.

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*"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.
I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'
I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.
I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.
I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."*

Excerpt from Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech given on Aug. 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C.

"When you have a situation where there are people of all walks of life, you aren't going to get everything you want and you aren't going to agree on everything," he said. "You have to look at what's most important and you have to take into account what's best for the group as a whole. I think the military does that."

Willie Jett, a retired Army Chief Warrant Officer who frequents the Randolph Fitness Center, said most discrimination he sees on military bases involves intangibles like rank, perception and expectations more so than simply race.

Growing up in Florence, S.C., Mr. Jett, 52, said he witnessed first-hand many injustices and believes intolerance still exists in American society today.

"I grew up seeing white-only restaurants, bathrooms and water fountains," he said. "I didn't just see it or hear about it, I lived it. Discrimination's always going to be out there, but it's camouflaged more today."

There are others who've talked with people from earlier generations and insist the progress is too great to overlook.

"My mother has talked about what it was like for her mother, in Arkansas, and listening to her is like, 'Wow!' If you were black you couldn't go through certain doors, you couldn't even look white people in the eye without some fear of what might happen," Sergeant Victoria said. "There have been big changes in America because these are things I've never even thought about having to deal with."



Photos by Rich McFadden

Jim Palmer, contractor, performs the final installation of a fuel cell dorsal cover on a T-38.

Depot-level work and the installation of aircraft modifications are the primary tasks performed by the 171 workers under the Pacer Classic II/Propulsion Modernization Program – Queen Bee. The Lear Siegler Inc.-operated program was established at Randolph in 1976 as the only T-38 depot facility for the U.S. Air Force and other DoD agencies. Queen Bee is the only heavy maintenance provider for the T-38 fleet with modifications ranging from aircraft structural work and rewire to new system installations. The program boasts an unprecedented aircraft acceptance and "zero defects" rate of 95 percent.



Armando Arguello prepares the u-channel ring for installation on a T-38.



Melanie Dott performs the final installation of the dorsal fuel cell of a T-38.



Marcus Trevino (left) and Rudy Martinez install the air intake assembly on the engine of a T-38.

12th Services Briefs

MISCELLANEOUS

• Texas Hold' Em tournaments

Texas Hold' Em tournaments take place Tuesdays in the Auger Inn at the Parr O'Club and Thursdays in Gil's Pub at the Kendrick Club. Prizes include \$75 for first place, \$45 for second place, etc.

• Lunch service at the clubs

The Parr O'Club offers sit-down lunch service Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Choose from appetizers, salads & light entrees. Prices vary from \$5 to \$15.

The Kendrick Club offers all-you-can-eat variety buffets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday for \$6.50 for members or \$8.50 for nonmembers and guests. On Fridays they offer a super seafood buffet for \$8.25 for members or \$10.25 for nonmembers and guests.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER – 652-2952

• Automotive maintenance class

Learn to change your oil, rotate your tires and do a brake job. Classes are February 3 & 10 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies and deadline to sign up is Jan. 27.

BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271

• Thunder Alley

Check out the Thunder Alley Music and Light show on Jan. 17, 24 and 31 from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

• Martin Luther King bowling special

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life on Monday from 1-4 p.m. with a special bowling rate of \$1.75 per game, per person and shoe rental of only \$1.50.

• January "COLORAMA BOWLING"

Colorama bowling is January 23 at 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person with optional side pots available.

KENDRICK CLUB – 652-3056

• January bingo news

Play the last game of the night during the months of Jan., Feb. and Mar. for just \$3 and for a chance to win

a shopping spree at the Main Exchange, not to exceed \$2,000. During the last bingo session in March, we will draw the name of the lucky winner and will then make arrangement to visit the Main Exchange. The winner can try to accumulate as much merchandise as possible in five minutes.

Bingo Extravaganza takes place Jan. 19 with \$15,000 in jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m.

GOLF COURSE -652-4570

• Tuesday half price golf

Golf for half price (\$12) on Tuesdays in January, whether riding or walking. What an unbelievable deal—definitely the best price in San Antonio!!

• Martin Luther King golf tournament

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with some great golf on Monday. The tee times are 7-9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10.

LIBRARY – 652-8901

• Get organized at the Library

January is the time of resolutions and new beginnings so check out what the library has to offer to help you organize your time and home. The library has a large selection of books on home decorating, organization and storage. Learn to build shelves or choose colors for a new painting scheme. And if your resolution is to lose weight, quit smoking or exercise more, the library has books and DVDs to help you.

PARR O'CLUB – 652-4864

• January dinner buffets

Tuesdays, All you can eat Themed Buffets: Jan. 20 Mongolian buffet and Jan. 27 Italian buffet

Wednesdays, 2-4-1 Specials: Jan. 21, Buy one lasagna entrée and get one free

Thursdays, Family Style Specials: Jan. 22, pork chops dinner and Jan 29, meatloaf dinner. The dinners will be

served family style with mashed potatoes, chef choice of vegetables and bread basket, etc.

Fridays, Prime Rib Night: 3 sizes of prime rib ranging from petite to king size

Saturdays, Gourmet nights: Jan 17, lobster tail & tenderloin filet; Jan 24, shrimp feast; Jan 31, filet mignon & one pound of steamed crab legs

• Children's karaoke

Children's karaoke is tomorrow from 4-6 p.m. for youth up to 18 years of age. Test your talent in the Auger Inn singing and trying to win the bragging rights of the "Randolph Kids Karaoke Idol". Parents may sing a duet with their youth but can't request a song. Youth must be accompanied by a parent who will stay and supervise.

RAMBLER FITNESS CENTER – 652-2955

• Beginner strength training class

This class is perfect for individuals who would like to begin a strength training routine or just want to know more about strength training.

During this free beginner strength training class on January 23 at 11 a.m. you will learn proper lifting techniques, how to improve your workouts and the benefits of weight training for overall fitness and health.

RANDOLPH RECREATION PARK AT CANYON LAKE – 1-800-280-3466

• Half price shelters

Rent one of the shelters for half price, \$17.50 per night, Mon to Thu, during January. The shelter is equipped with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, a full size bed, bunk beds (sleeps four) (customers need to bring their own linen), air conditioning, heating and bathroom.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER – 652-2788

• Beginning woodworking class

Learn the basics of woodworking during this two-session class on Feb. 3 & 10 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies and sign up deadline is January 27.



Part Day Enrichment Program

The Part-day Enrichment Program provides social opportunities for children 3-5 years of age. The activities are planned to encourage cooperative play, positive peer relationships, understanding the needs of others and the ability to handle and express feelings in an acceptable manner. We have learning centers that expose the children to manipulatives, creative art, dramatic play, sand & water activities and reading centers, all of which contribute to the child's social, emotional, cognitive and language development.

A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is required at the time of registration. Registration fees will be applied to child's tuition.

Parents may choose from 3-day sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from Noon-3 p.m. and 2-day sessions on Tuesday & Thursday from 8 a.m.-Noon (4 & 5 year-olds only).

Fees are based on total family income.

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SPORTS & FITNESS

Undefeated 12th MDG tops AFRS/12th CONS

By Thomas Warner
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Small family came up big Wednesday, allowing 12th Medical Group to remain undefeated in Randolph Air Force Base intramural football play.

Quarterback Tom Small and three others in his family spearheaded a 39-12 win over Air Force Recruiting Service/12th Contracting Squadron Wednesday night at Grater Field.

Tom Small threw six touchdown passes, including two each to Roy Blount and Ben Taylor, as MDG (4-0) remained in first place.

Jordan Small, the quarterback's son, also had a touchdown catch and his brother, Aaron, was a catalyst in another massive defensive effort by the winners.

In three earlier wins, the MDG team gave up just one touchdown. AFRS/12th CONS (1-4) had two scores Wednesday, but was never close to registering an upset.

"Our first game was a huge defensive battle with Air Force Personnel Center and we've only gotten better on that side of the ball," said Tom Small.

The MDG did not have the required seven players to start the game and would have forfeited were it not for Stacey Small. Listed on the team's roster for emergency purposes, the wife of the quarterback stood in as a blocker on the opening series of the game and just missed snaring an aerial from her husband on the first conversion try.

"We play sports together a lot," Tom Small said. "We were in a church softball league last year and all of us played. We have fun."

On the game's opening drive, Tom Small gained necessary yardage on



Photo by Thomas Warner
Aaron Thomas (center) of AFRS/12th CONS, runs with a pass reception Wednesday at Grater Field as 12th MDG's Roy Blount (left) and Jeff Elliott try for the flag.

a fourth-down scramble to set up an over-the-shoulder touchdown catch by Taylor that began the scoring.

Jordan Small caught the next MDG touchdown pass and set up the third with a shoestring grab near the goal line.

The MDG was ahead 18-0 at half-time after Blount caught a button-hook pass in the endzone, then Tyler Small defended some late passing by AFRS/12th CONS to preserve the blanking at intermission.

Cal Hero threw well at times in the loss, but was intercepted on the opening play of the second half as things continued to unravel. Taylor had the pickoff, then Tom Small used another fourth-down scramble to set up another TD pass to Blount.

Trailing 24-0, the AFRS/12th CONS team put together its best drive of the night. Hero completed passes to Aaron Thomas, Jacob Sanders and Bryan Dubose to move the chains, then a flea flicker play with Rob White throwing to Dubose put them in position to score.

For the touchdown, Hero tossed the ball to Jon Sanders, who then threw to Josh Mueller in the end zone. The conversion pass attempt was intercepted by Blount, who ran the length of the field to give MDG another point, making it 25-6.

"Our team is made up of people from four different units and we don't always know who is going to show up, so it's tough to develop a consistent gameplan," said Jon Sanders, AFRS/12th CONS coach.

Dequijamin Roberson and Blount caught the final two MDG touchdowns, while another flea flicker that featured Thomas passing to Tommy West gave the losing team its last tally.

In a later game Wednesday evening, 435th Fighter Training Squadron won by forfeit over 12th Security Forces, which did not have enough players. Also, Fire Department got past 562nd Flying Training Squadron 13-0 and AFPC handed JPPSO its first loss of the season, 20-7.

Flag football team to national championship tournament

By Thomas Warner
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph Air Force Base has sent its sponsored flag football team to participate in the United States Flag Touch League's national championship tournament this weekend.

The Bravehearts placed fifth in the state championship tournament and will be playing among a field of 230 teams at Kissimmee, Fla., when the tournament begins today.

"We are a B bracket team and there will be four brackets (A,B,C and D) at the tournament," said Winsome Culley, Bravehearts head coach. "We've had a lot of scrimmages since we played in the state tournament. We've tried to prepare ourselves for this national tournament."

The actual brackets for the event in Florida had not been released at press time, but a round-robin format will be used and losses in the early rounds will drop teams to lower brackets.

"We are currently the No. 20-ranked B division team in the state," said Culley. "We set up a scrimmage earlier this week at Grater Field against the No. 14-ranked team in the A division, the San Antonio Stars. We wanted to see how we'd fare against one of the better teams in our area because there will be a lot of great flag football teams down there at the national championship tournament."

The Bravehearts have won numerous trophies over the past two years, using a lineup of veteran players familiar with one another. That is likely to change this spring, when the Randolph team will need a virtual makeover due to PCSs and deployments of many of the players.

"We'll be breaking up sort of like the Jackson 5," said Culley. "This is our last hurrah."

January



Group exercise class schedule at the Rambler Fitness Center

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Yoga	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Step/Weights	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Kick Boxing
9 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Srs. Strength	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Yoga	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Pilates
11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Seniors	10:15 a.m. - Cardiofusion	10:15 a.m. - Zumba
11:15 a.m. - Cycling	5 p.m. - Zumba	4 p.m. - Power Yoga	11 a.m. - Step	11:15 a.m. - Cycling	
5 p.m. - Step	6 p.m. - Kick Boxing	5:15 p.m. - Cycling	5 p.m. - Zumba	5:30 p.m. - Yoga	
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6 p.m. - Yoga		6:15 p.m. - Sets & Reps	6 p.m. - Turbo Kick		
7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing		7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing			

• Rambler Fitness Center holiday hours are: Martin Luther King Day - Monday, Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
\$3 per class. For details on class passes or holiday class schedules, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2955.

Intramural Flag Football Standings

TEAM	WON	LOST
12 MDG	4	0
12 MSS	4	0
JPPSO	3	1
Fire Dept.	3	2
AFPC	3	2
12 SFS	1	3
AFRS-12 CONS	1	4
435th	1	4
562 FTS	0	4



Push-Up competition

The Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a push-up competition Jan. 27 at 7 a.m. Participants can use this competition to gauge their fitness level for the annual PT test. Push-ups will be repeated correctly as many times as possible in one minute. The monitors will count the number of correctly performed push-ups. The first 50 participants to sign up will receive a T-shirt.

Youth sports registration

Registration for youth T-ball, softball and baseball takes place at the Randolph Youth Center, Bldg. 897, through Feb. 20. Youth, ages 5-18, are eligible to play and the cost is \$40. All youth must have a current membership, annual physical, up-to-date immunizations and birth certificate on file. Call 652-2088 for more information.

Fitness center renovations

The Rambler Fitness center and Health and Wellness Center are undergoing renovations to improve the building's floor drainage system. These renovations are expected to go through March 2009. There will be no change to the operation of the facility and customers should not experience any inconvenience.

Sports BRIEFS

Coaches needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for girl's fastpitch softball and baseball, ages 5-18. A completed application including background checks must be on file prior to first practice. Call 652-2088 to sign up.

Lunch time volleyball

The Rambler Fitness Center offers lunch time volleyball every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Lt. Col. Steve Fournier at 652-7915.

Golf swing lessons

Golfers interested in improving their swing can make a personal appointment with swing doctors Brian Cannon and Charles Bishop (PGA) at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Call 652-4653 to schedule your lesson today.

Twilight pricing

Randolph Oaks twilight pricing begins at 1 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with a cart is \$16 per person, Mon. - Fri., and \$17 per person on weekends and holidays.

Tee times

Golfers should sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course two days in advance. Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Please include the number of people in the group and what each person's status is (i.e. active duty, retired, guest) and what time you would like to play. Groups must have at least two active duty members to qualify for a priority tee time. To sign up for weekend tee times, e-mail to tee.time@randolph.af.mil. E-mails must be received by 10 a.m. on Thursday to be included in the drawing.